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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAKE

REF: STATE 175870

1. SUMMARY: DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (IO) ROBERT BLAKE SPENT FULL DAY AUG 27 IN WARM AND FRANK DISCUSSIONS. TALKS COVERED MANY UNGA AGENDA ITEMS BUT RANGED MORE WIDELY WITH MUCH EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. CHILEAN OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE PERSONS WERE PLEASED WITH TALKS, AND VISIT WAS UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS. END SUMMARY.

2. BLAKE MET FOREIGN MINISTER ADMIRAL CAPVAJAL AT AMBASSADOR'S LUNCH, TALKED AT LENGTH WITH SENIOR, MIDDLE AND WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS, WAS EXPOSED TO CONSERVATIVE CIVILIAN ADVISORS OF JUNTA, AND HAD DINNER SESSION WITH PRIVATE PERSONS CONCERNED WITH GOC TREATMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. OFFICIAL TALKS COVERED MUCH GROUND. CHILEANS WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN BLAKE'S GENERAL COMMENTS, AND WERE SELECTIVE IN THEIR INTEREST IN SPECIFIC ITEMS COMING BEFORE UNGA. FOLLOWING TOPICS COVERED, WITH BLAKE GIVING US POSITION(TRANSFER OF RESOURCES, US TRADE BILL, CUBA, CONFIDENTIAL

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CREDENTIALS, RHODESIA, SPANISH SAHARA, PORTUGAL, CAMBODIA, KOREA, NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, CCD, SALT, IRANIAN-ME NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE, INDIAN OCEAN, AUSTRALIAN INITIATIVE ON DIPLOMATIC ASYLUM, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AGENDA ITEMS, PEACEKEEPING AND ROLE OF SC, TERRORISM, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND CHILEAN-PERUVIAN RELATIONS. CHILEANS MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

4. GENERAL APPROACH: FON MIN DIRECTOR GENERAL SAID CHILE FACES SPECIAL SITUATION IN UNGA AND EXPECTS ATTACK. WANTS TO KEEP IN LA GROUP, WHERE IT IS BEST UNDERSTOOD AND HAS MOST SUPPORT. WILL FOLLOW TRADITIONAL CHILEAN LINE (I.E., PRE-ALLENDE), PARTICULARLY ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. WILL TRY TO GET LA GROUP TO BE MORE PRAGMATIC, PRESENT PROBLEM OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS RESOLVABLE ONLY OVER LONG TERM, AND TRY TO ACCELERATE DECISIONS ON FEW SPECIFIC PROBLEMS.

5. CUBA. OFFICIALS WERE CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE CHANGE IN US POLICY. DIR GEN HOPED THAT USG WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS OF BRAZIL, CHILE AND LIKE THINKERS. NOTED THAT ANY US POSITION THAT WOULD ENCOURAGE CHANGE IN CUBA'S STATUS COULD NOT BE REVERSED.

6. CAMBODIA: NO DIRECT REPLY TO BLAKE'S REQUEST FOR SUPPORT, BUT FROM CONTEXT OF TALKS APPEARS GOC WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US POSITION, AS INDICATED SANTIAGO 1866.

7. KOREA: DIR GEN SAID GOC WILL HELP ON ROK BUT IN WAY THAT WILL NOT PREJUDICE ITS RELATIONS WITH PRC. ONLY COMMUNIST COUNTRIES GOC HAS RELATIONS WITH ARE PRC AND ROMANIA, AND THEY ARE IMPORTANT.

8. NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION: DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AGREED WITH DANGER OF SPREAD, SAID GOC HAS DECIDED TO RATIFY TLATELOLCO TREATY, FOLLOWING BRAZILIAN PATTERN, WHICH WOULD SHOW CHILEAN POSITION. WOULD NOT RATIFY NPT BECAUSE GOC UNDERSTANDS IT WILL BE UP FOR REVISION IN 1975. BLAKE CORRECT LATTER POINT.

10. DIPLOMATIC ASYLUM: FONMIN HAS NOT YET DISCUSSED AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL FOR GENERAL CONVENTION. OFFICIALS THOUGHT IT WAS NOT A BAD IDEA IN PRINCIPLE, ALTHOUGH WOULD BE USED TO ATTACK CONFIDENTIAL

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CHILE.

11. MIDDLE EAST: DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS HOPED UNGA COULD KEEP OUT OF IT. GOC WOULD NOT WANT TO SUPPORT ANY POSITION FAVORING TERRORISM, OR PREJUDICE EFFORTS FOR PEACE. WOULD TRY TO AVOID CONDEMNATIONS.

12. TERRORISM: BLAKE SAID USG FEELS STRONGLY. CHILEANS

AGREED, SAID POSITION IS THE SAME.

13. HUMAN RIGHTS. CHILEANS AT ALL LEVELS INTRODUCED SUBJECT AND SOLICITED BLAKE'S VIEWS. HE, AND AMBASSADOR AT LUNCHEON, TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK FRANKLY ALONG GENERAL LINE THAT GOC SHOULD NOT BE DEFENSIVE BUT SHOULD HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER PERHAPS ALONG LINES THAT GOC INTENDED TO REVERT TO MORE NORMAL PRACTICES AS IT OVERCAME INTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEMS.

13. BLAKE SAID WE EXPECT RESOLUTIONS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND ON TORTURE. BOTH SHOULD BE GENERAL, AND USG EXPECTS TO VOTE FOR THEM IF ARE ON ACCEPTABLE LINES. DIR POL AFFAIRS SAID GOC WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF TORTURE RESOLUTION IF WORDED GENERALLY; CHILEAN TORTURE HAS BEEN SPORADIC, NOT SYSTEMATIC OR INSTITUTIONALIZED. ASKED WHETHER CHILE WOULD HAVE US SUPPORT IF CHILE ATTACKED ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, BLAKE SAID IT WOULD DEPEND ON CONTEXT, CHILEAN GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT, AND WHAT CHILE DOES.

14. ACTION REQUESTED: WORKING LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICER NOTED DIFFICULTY IN MAINTAINING TOUCH WITH US DELEGATION AT 1973 UNGA. BLAKE SEVERAL TIMES SUGGESTED CLOSE, CONTINUING CONSULTATION, SAID WE WOULD GIVE FON MIN NAMES OF LA EXPERT IN USUN AND ARA UNGA EXPERT. PLEASE SEND TO EMBASSY.

15. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES BLAKE VISIT WAS VERY WORTH-WHILE. IN ADDITION TO PURELY UNGA ASPECT, IT HELPED ALLEVIATE FEELING OF ISOLATION AMONG GOC OFFICIALS BY SHOWING CONTINUING US INTEREST AND DESIRE TO MAINTAIN COOPERATIVE RELATIONS. FON MIN OFFICIAL, PRESENT AT LUNCH AND PART OF CONFIDENTIAL

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TALKS, SAID BLAKE MADE EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON FOREIGN MINISTER AND SENIOR OFFICIALS.
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